

I urge the FCC to not to mandate standards for digital copyright protection in consumer devices. The so called "broadcast flag" would impose restrictions on the use of broadcast content that are contrary to already established consumer rights. Consumers have already given digital television a very cool reception. The FCC has responded to this by mandating the inclusion of digital tuners in new sets. Now you want the public to not only be forced to buy something they don't want, but to give up their content usage rights as well? There are many complex issues dealing with copyright. One simple principle, however, should be that content broadcast on the public airwaves should be available for unrestricted use by the public.